**Downend Voice Press Release 2025**

A nail-biting wait for this year's GCSE results came to an end today, Thursday, 21st August, with students at Mangotsfield School, receiving news that would prepare them for their futures.

The school is delighted to report a very successful year's results for GCSEs. 75% of students at the school achieved Grade 4 or above in English/English literature with 57% achieving Grade 5 and above by the same measure. 59% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in Maths with 31 students achieving a grade 7 or above (equivalent to an A or above). This year group was the first cohort for Further Maths and we were delighted with the results, 37% of the group achieved Grade 8 or 9.

This was a great set of results from a comprehensive intake of students. A large number of students from the year group would now be going on to study A Levels at Downend School, which is in the same Trust as Mangotsfield School. Others will head to St Brendan's Sixth Form College, SGS and City of Bristol. Many of our students will be successfully starting apprenticeships in the next couple of weeks from varied workplaces such as GKN Engineering to Reflections Hair and Beauty.

Mrs Blackmore said, "Mangotsfield School is a mixed ability, diverse comprehensive school, so these are a very pleasing set of results. I am delighted that so many students of all abilities have achieved their full potential. A significant number of students have achieved Grades 7, 8 and 9 or distinctions in all their subjects. The approach of the school over a number of years has been to ensure that all pupils take a broad and balanced curriculum with GCSE exams being at the core of this." These pleasing results demonstrate the effectiveness of high quality teaching coupled with strong management systems and team work.

Mrs Blackmore went on to say, "It has been a joy to watch this year group grow and mature. They suffered significant disruption due to Covid in their early years here. This year, again I have been humbled by the number of parents that not only have thanked staff for the academic input, but also have commented on the outstanding pastoral care received over the last five years. Well done to the class of 2025!"

Mrs Blackmore and Mrs Vincent celebrating with a group of Mangotsfield Year 11s.